



INNOVATION FUND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DAY

June 2nd & 3rd, 2016

The Loudermilk Center
40 Courtland Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016

4:30 – 5:30 PM: SHARK TANK: THE INNOVATION FUND CHALLENGE (BALLROOM)

Do you want to get inside the mind of a reviewer? Are you interested in hearing examples of the types of innovative education programs districts and schools are proposing? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, join us for the first-ever Shark Tank: The Innovation Fund Challenge. During the Shark Tank, pre-selected current and former Innovation Fund grantees and eligible K-12 public school teachers will pitch ideas for a small-scale teacher and leader development program. After the pitches, our panel of education sharks will award tiny grants of up to \$10,000 to the best and brightest ideas.

PRESENTERS

Dr. Vladimir Labossiere, Jana Stegall & Gina King

Paulding County Virtual Academy

TECHtastic Teacher Training - T3

Dr. Brian Swanagan, Robina Gallagher & Leah Couch

Floyd County College and Career Academy

Engaging Students Through Arduinos in the Classroom

Dr. Jeremy Peacock, Dr. Amy Peacock & Jolaine Whitehead

Northeast Georgia RESA, Clarke County School District, Oconee River GYSTC

Building Capacity for 3D Science

Julie Crouch

East Jackson Comprehensive High School

Mobile Learning Lab: Spreading the Love of Educational Technology

Angie Konarski

Gum Springs Elementary & West Jackson Middle School

Sticking to Productive Writing Feedback

Joanna Anglin

Rockdale County Public Schools

Starting STRONG: Supporting Teacher Retention through ONGOING Growth

SHARKS

Dr. Susan Andrews, Director for Education Reform, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Dr. Bonnie Holiday, Executive Director, State Charter Schools Commission

Teresa MacCartney, Chief Financial Officer and Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget

Sam Rauschenberg, Deputy Director of Research and Evaluation, Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Martha Ann Todd, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Student Achievement

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016

10:00 - 10:30: INNOVATION FUND GRANTS 101 PART I (BALLROOM)

OVERVIEW OF THE INNOVATION FUND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Rebecca Ellis, Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Dr. Cayanna Good, Deputy Director of Innovations and Academic Strategy, Governor's Office of Student Achievement

10:45 - 11:45: BREAKOUT SESSIONS I

WHICH TYPE OF GRANT SHOULD I APPLY FOR? (DUKE ROOM)

Panelists:

Kelly Hopkins, Coordinator of Grant Development, Fulton County Schools

Ashley Potter, STEAM Coordinator, Morgan County Charter School System

Julie Sharpe, Evaluator, Tift County Mechatronics Program, President, Sharpe Solutions

Moderator: Stacey Lutz, Program Manager, RESA Professional Learning Grants and Contracts, Governor's Office of Student Achievement

Planning? Implementation? Or Scaling? Which type of grant will best fit your needs? One of the most common mistakes among Innovation Fund applicants is applying for the wrong type of grant. During this panel session, representatives from current and former grantees – Fulton County Schools Teach to One Math, the Tift County Mechatronics Program, and Morgan County Charter School System STEAM-N-RG – will discuss how to avoid this common mistake. This session is a must for both first time applicants and applicants who have not received funding in past funding cycles.

APPLIED LEARNING (BALLROOM)

Andrea McMahan, Rockdale County Public Schools

Michelle Glover, Principal, Memorial Middle School

Lindsey Luczynski, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Drew Charter School

Nicole Tuttle, Director of Literacy, Drew Charter School

During this session, representatives from two Innovation Fund grantees –Drew Charter School and the Rockdale STEM Academy for Environmental Studies – will discuss what defines an applied learning program and how they have implemented successful applied learning programs in their schools.

BLENDED LEARNING 101 (POPE ROOM)

Thomas Arnett, Research Fellow, Clayton Christensen Institute

Jeff Tsang, CEO, Mastery Design Collaborative

During this session, blended learning experts from the [Clayton Christensen Institute](#) and the [Mastery Design Collaborative](#) will define and discuss blended and personalized learning, including different blended learning models and what to consider when planning or implementing a blended learning program.

TEACHER AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT FOR HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS: PART I (BOARDROOM)

Dr. Jonathan Patterson, Associate Superintendent, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Dr. Glenn Pethel, Assistant Superintendent for Leadership Development, Gwinnett County Public Schools

What does a district-level high quality teacher or leader development program look like? During this session, representatives Gwinnett County Public Schools will share the district's strategies for developing and supporting high-quality teachers and leaders.

11:45 - 12:45: NETWORKING LUNCH (BALLROOM)

12:45 TO 1:45: BREAKOUT SESSIONS II

INNOVATION FUND GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP (CHILDS YOUNG ROOM)

Rebecca Ellis, *Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement*

Has your district experienced difficulty writing successful grants in the past? If so, then this session is for you. During this hands-on session, attendees will learn and discuss strategies for developing and writing successful grants from start to finish and analyze examples of successful and unsuccessful Innovation Fund grant applications.

BIRTH TO AGE EIGHT LANGUAGE AND LITERACY (BOARDROOM)

Bethany LeMoyne, *Senior Associate, Insight Education Group*

Kimberly Turner, *Reading Mentors Program Manager, Governor's Office of Student Achievement*

NaKenia Carruthers, *Language and Literacy Specialist, Governor's Office of Student Achievement*

Want to learn what a high-quality birth to age eight language and literacy program might look like? During this session, Bethany LeMoyne from Insight Education Group and Kimberly Turner and NaKenia Carruthers from GOSA will break down the components of the Reading Mentors program— including ongoing professional development and strategic partnerships – and discuss how each of these innovative components work together to advance student achievement.

BLENDED LEARNING 102: BLENDED LEARNING IN GEORGIA (DUKE ROOM)

Dr. Anthony Newbold, *Principal, Bear Creek Middle School, Fulton County Schools*

Chris Huckans, *Principal, Bishop Hall Charter School, Thomas County Schools*

You learned the basics in Blended Learning 101, but now you might be wondering: “How can I utilize an Innovation Fund grant to implement a successful blended learning program here in Georgia?” In this session, representatives from two current Innovation Fund implementation grantees – Bishop Hall Charter High School and Bear Creek Middle School – will share their experiences implementing blended learning programs in their schools.

TEACHER AND LEADER DEVELOPMENT FOR HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS: PART II (POPE ROOM)

Matt Underwood, *Executive Director, Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School*

Elizabeth Hearn, *Director, CREATE Teacher Residency Program, Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School*

Allen Mueller, *Executive Director, New Schools for Georgia*

During this session, representatives from Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School will share their work training new teachers as part of the “New Teacher Residency Project” which was supported by an Innovation Fund grant, and more recently as a part of a program called CREATE, supported by an i3 federal Education Department grant. Allen Mueller from New Schools for Georgia will share its approach to developing high-quality charter school leaders.

2:00 - 3:00: INNOVATION FUND 101 PART II

GRANT APPLICATION DETAILS AND FINAL Q & A (BALLROOM)

Rebecca Ellis, Innovation Fund Program Manager, Governor’s Office of Student Achievement
Dr. Cayanna Good, Deputy Director of Innovations and Academic Strategy, Governor’s Office of Student Achievement